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CHICKENS & EGGS

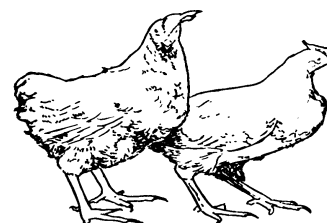
Maryland laying flocks produced 78 million eggs during May 2001, of which 71 million were table eggs and 7 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 78.0 percent. The average number of layers on hand during May 2001 was 3,225,000. On June 1, 2001, 9.5 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 22.5 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.23 billion during May 2001, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.11 billion table eggs and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 70.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2001 averaged 335 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during May 2000. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,160 eggs, down slightly from 2,177 eggs in May 2000. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 42.6 million, up 3 percent from May 2000.

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Eggs in incubators totaled 37.7 million on June 1, 2001, up 14 percent from a year ago. The May 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 776 million, was up slightly from May of the previous year. There were 644 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2001, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.12 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2001, down 4 percent from May 2000.



EGGS AND LAYERS: May 2000 and 2001

Item	2000	2001	2001/2000
Eggs Produced During May	-----Million-----		Percent
U.S.	7,104	7,231	102
Maryland	72	78	108
Layers, Average Number During May	-----Thousand-----		
U.S.	326,326	334,728	102
Maryland	3,295	3,225	97
Eggs/100 Layers During May	-----Number-----		
U.S.	2,177	2,160	99
Maryland	2,185	2,419	111

CROP PRODUCTION

Maryland: Based on the July Yield survey for conditions around July 1st, farmers are expecting a winter wheat yield of 59 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from the 2000 winter wheat yield. Harvested acreage is down 20,000 acres from last year. This year's forecasted production is 10.6 million bushels, down roughly 2 million bushels from last year due to both acreage reduction and decrease in expected yield. According to the Maryland Crop Progress Report, as of July 9th, 60 percent of the winter wheat acres have been harvested, which is 9 percent behind the five year average at this time.

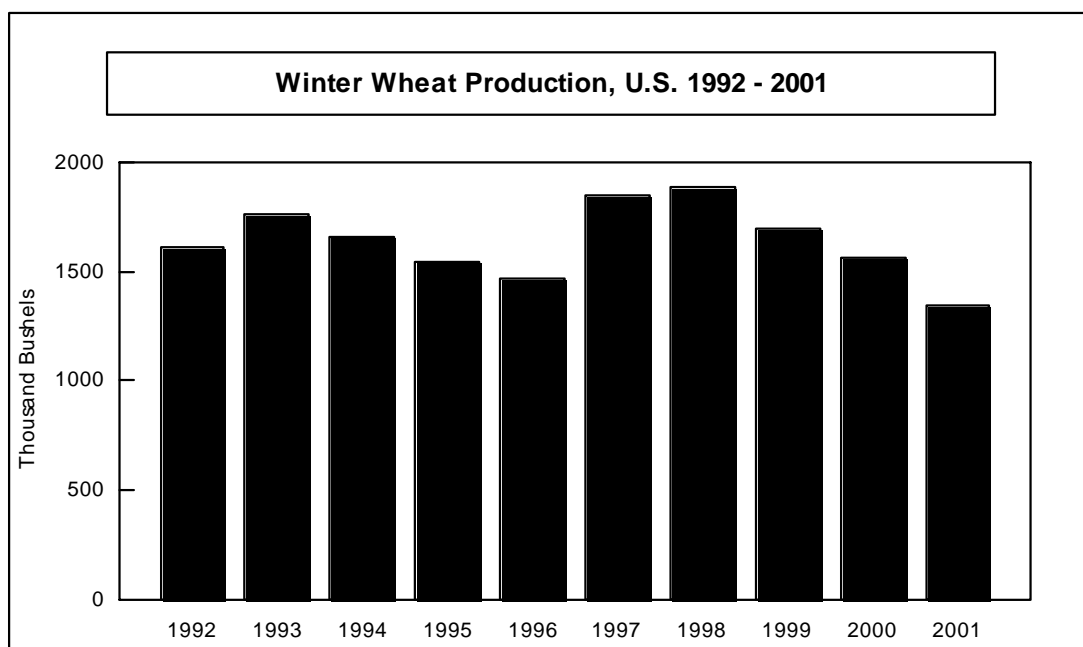
For barley, yield is forecast at 69 bushels per acre, a 13 bushel per acre decrease from last year's final estimate of 82 bushels per acre. Barley harvested acreage for this year indicated no change from last year's level. However, this year's production of 3.5 million bushels is nearly 16 percent less than the final 2000 production level. From the current Maryland Crop Progress Report, barley harvest is virtually complete.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.37 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last

month but down 13 percent from 2000. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month. Increased yields from last month's forecast were seen in most of the Hard Red Wheat (HRW) States. Harvested yields are better than previously expected in many of the Soft Red Wheat (SRW) States.

Barley production for 2001 is forecast at 264 million bushels, down 17 percent from 2000. The first forecast for 2001 indicates producers expect to average 58.4 bushels per acre, a decrease of 2.7 bushels from last year's near record high. Area harvested, at 4.51 million acres, is 13 percent below the 5.20 million acres harvested in 2000. The combination of lower expected yields, and a decrease in harvested acres, has reduced forecast production to its lowest level since 1953.

Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 18.0 million cwt in 2001, down 3 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage is forecast at 59,100 acres, down 4 percent from the previous year while the average yield of 305 cwt per acre is up 2 cwt from last year.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2000 AND 2001

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	480	510	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	405	430	155	³	62,775	³
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	70	⁴	20	⁴	1,400	⁴
Soybeans	BU	520	520	515	510	43	³	22,145	³
Sorghum ¹	BU	10	9	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	9	8	84	³	756	³
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	⁴	15	³	15	³
Winter Wheat	BU	220	190	200	180	63	59	12,600	10,620
Barley	BU	55	55	50	50	82	69	4,100	3,450
All Hay	TON	----	----	235	215	3.03	³	711	³
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	65	60	4.4	³	286	³
Other Hay	TON	----	----	170	155	2.5	³	425	³
Tobacco ²	LBS	----	----	5.7	1.7	1,450	³	8,265	³
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	260	240	1,222	1,128
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	79,545	76,109	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	72,732	69,291	137.1	³	9,968	³
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	5,868	⁴	17	⁴	99	⁴
Soybeans	BU	74,496	75,416	72,718	74,337	38.1	³	2,770	³
Sorghum ¹	BU	9,195	9,747	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,723	8,857	60.9	³	470	³
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	265	⁴	10.8	³	3	³
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,348	41,318	35,022	31,657	44.6	43.2	1,563	1,366
Barley	BU	5,844	5,088	5,201	4,514	61.1	58.4	318	2,635
All Hay	TON	----	----	59,854	63,833	2.54	³	152	³
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,077	23,750	3.48	³	80	³
Other Hay	TON	----	----	36,777	40,083	1.95	³	72	³
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	472.4	451.2	2,264	³	1,100	³
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	64.7	60.8	61.8	59.1	303	305	19	18

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

² Revised.

³ Published August 10, 2001

⁴ Published January 2002

AUGUST RELEASE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Broiler Hatchery	2	3 Dairy Products Poultry Slaughter
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